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DISINFORMATION

From the same kind of minds that gave "destruct" to the language has come a new linguistic gem.

Wading through a recent Department of Justice report on counterintelligence programs, CBS newsman George Herman learned that federal agents sought to confuse target groups by various means in order "to provide disinformation."

"Woe to the discreant who has the disfortune to labor under the disapprehension that there is no such word," says Herman. "It may not exist in the English language, but in Washingtonese, I predict a mistinctly brilliant future for it...disbegotten though it may be...

"It's a new world where disinformation is officially mispensed and the gullible are disled."